PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Shuji HIRAKATA et al.

Application No.: 10/828,261

Filed: April 21, 2004

For: FUEL CELL SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED

OPERATION METHOD

Group Art Unit: 1745

Examiner: E. W

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Docket No.:

119506

LARGE ENTITY REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicant(s) hereby request(s) continued examination.

Applicants further request entry and consideration of the attached submission.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. 200707 in the amount of \boxtimes \$810.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461.

Respectfully submitted,

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